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LB 591, 736

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I could have addressed the bill. I, too, am a co-sponsor on LB 736, and I share the same concerns as Senator Johnson just expressed. I do want to commend Senator Smith and the committee hopefully getting a compromise on this simulcasting bill. And I do...I have some reservations. But, as everything, we try to compromise and we try to work it out to the best of our ability. So I do support the committee amendments, and I also, while I'm up here speaking and I hope that this bill can move through rather rapidly. This bill has the emergency clause on it. And I will tell the body that as far as the amount of the tax dollars and so on, or the possibility to come into the state, the Kentucky Derby is the first Saturday in May. And the tracks would estimate a 25 percent increase in attendance and so on for that particular race. Any delay that we do in the legislation and so on, the industry itself is simply losing money. One of the horses that used to run in Grand Island will be running in that race. I would hope that the body would adopt the amendments and we could vote on the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schellpeper, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Smith, please, to close.

SENATOR SMITH: I ask for the body's support in adoption of the amendment...committee amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 591. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the General Affairs Committee amendments.